

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 28-30 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A damper comprising:

a pressure tube;

a rod guide assembly closing a first end of said pressure tube;

an end cap closing a second end of said pressure tube, said rod guide assembly, said end cap and an inner cylindrical surface of said pressure tube forming a sealed working chamber, said entire sealed working chamber being filled with a pressurized gas;

a solid piston rod disposed within said sealed working chamber, said solid piston rod having a first end extending through said rod guide assembly;

a piston disposed within said sealed working chamber, said piston being attached to a second end of said solid piston rod, said piston slidingly engaging said inner cylindrical surface of said pressure tube to divide a first portion of said working chamber into an upper working chamber and a lower working chamber, said upper working chamber and said lower working chamber being filled with said pressurized gas;

a first flow path extending through said piston to accommodate flow of said pressurized gas between said upper working chamber and said lower working chamber;

a valve body disposed within said working chamber to define with said end cap and with said inner cylindrical surface of said pressure tube a fluid chamber located

in a second portion of said working chamber, said entire fluid chamber being filled with said pressurized gas, said valve body being independent from said solid piston rod and fixedly secured to said inner cylindrical surface of said pressure tube; and

a second flow path extending through said valve body to accommodate flow of said pressurized gas between said lower working chamber and said fluid chamber, said second fluid flow path being a continuously open flow path.

2.-5. (cancelled)

6. (original) The damper according to Claim 1, further comprising a compression valve assembly attached to said piston, said compression valve assembly prohibiting fluid flow from said upper working chamber to said lower working chamber.

7. (original) The damper according to Claim 6, further comprising an extension valve assembly attached to said piston, said extension valve assembly prohibiting fluid flow from said lower working chamber to said upper working chamber.

8. (withdrawn) The damper according to Claim 1, wherein said first flow path is an open flow path.

9.-27. (cancelled)

28. (currently amended) The damper according to Claim 1 wherein said second flow path is a ~~tunable~~ tunable restriction.

29. (currently amended) The damper according to Claim 28 wherein said first flow path is a ~~tunable~~ tunable restriction.

30. (currently amended) The damper according to Claim 1 wherein said first flow path is a ~~tunable~~ tunable restriction.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings include changes to Figure 2. The attached "Replacement Sheet", which includes Figures 2 and 6, replaces the original sheet including Figures 2 and 6.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet